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- Mr. Nate Gauff, Staff
- Ms. Eronia Hunt, Executive Assistant
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- Mr. Steve Levine, Staff Counsel
- Ms. Michelle Martin, Staff

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- Mr. Terry Leveille, TL & Associates
- Mr. Larry Sweetser, ESJPA

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1 PROCEEDINGS 1 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Well, it is 9:30. Not a big 2 3 crowd this morning. I guess we can go ahead and begin. 4 Eronia, would you like to take the roll? 5 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT HUNT: Marin? COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Here. 6 7 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT HUNT: Mulé? COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Here. 8 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT HUNT: Chair Peace? 9 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Here. 10 Okay. At this time, if you'd put your cell 11 phones and pagers on vibrate or meeting mode. There are 12 13 agendas on the back table. There are also speaker slips. 14 If you'd like to address the Committee on an item, please 15 bring your speaker slip to Ms. Hunt. Eronia, would you like to raise your hand? Okay. 16 Members, any ex partes? 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: No. I'm up to date. 18 Oh, I don't know whether -- well, probably. I had a small 19 meeting with Tim Coyle from the California Building 20 21 Industry Association. COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: I'm up to date. 22 23 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I'm also up to date. So before we get started, I was just going to 24 give a little update on legislation this year related to

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- 1 waste tires.
- One, there was AB 1249 by Assemblymember
- 3 Blakeslee regarding waste tire facility permits. It was
- 4 co-sponsored by the Department of Forestry and Fire
- 5 Protection and the Board. This would give the State Fire
- 6 Marshal the authority in consultation with the Board to
- 7 develop and adopt regulations relating to fire prevention
- 8 and storage of waste tires at major waste tire facilities.
- 9 The bill was designed to improve local enforcement of
- 10 waste tire safety regulations. Given the purpose of the
- 11 bill and that there was no opposition, we expect the
- 12 Governor's signature by October 9th.
- 13 SB 772 by Senator Chaney, this bill requires the
- 14 Board as of the first of the year to include in the
- 15 Five-Year Tire Plan an element addressing
- 16 California/Mexican border waste tire activities, such as
- 17 tracking tire flow, training of enforcement personnel, and
- 18 other efforts to reduce the illegal tire dumping in
- 19 Mexico. This bill basically codifies activities that are
- 20 already included in the new Five-Year Tire Plan.
- 21 AB 338, called the RAC bill, would require
- 22 Caltrans to use increasing amounts of crumb rubber in lieu
- 23 of other materials for state and highway construction or
- 24 repair projects that use asphalt as a construction
- 25 material. Amendments added to the bill at the insistence

- 1 of the oil industry at the last week of session would
- 2 allow the possibility of Caltrans using terminal blend as
- 3 well as RAC in these projects. This caused the Rubber
- 4 Pavements Association to send a letter changing their
- 5 position from support to oppose, and makes whether or not
- 6 the Governor signs the bill anybody's guess. He has until
- 7 October 9th to make that decision.
- 8 And with that, we'll go ahead and get started.
- 9 Mr. Lee, do you have a Deputy Director's report?
- 10 I did want to mention Item Number 12 regarding
- 11 the satellite imagery has been pulled. We'll hear that in
- 12 October.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Yes, Madam Chair. Our plan
- 14 is to bring that before the Board in November.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Oh, November.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair,
- 17 Committee members. My name is Jim Lee, Deputy Director of
- 18 the Special Waste Division.
- 19 I did want to take some time in my Deputy
- 20 Director's report this morning to update you on some of
- 21 the progress on the Sonoma waste tire sites. At the Beebe
- 22 family ranch, the tire mediation project for this site is
- 23 nearly complete. The majority of the tires have been
- 24 removed from the site, have been shredded, and then sent
- 25 to the Yolo County Landfill to be used in a civil

- 1 engineering project. The remainder of the tires were sent
- 2 to the Potrero Hills Landfill. The site restoration work
- 3 has been completed by Karen Gerbosi's contractor.
- 4 Silacci, all the tires have been removed from the
- 5 gullies and staged on the property. The Board's
- 6 contractor is beginning transport of the tires to an
- 7 approved waste tire facility. This work should be
- 8 completed within the next two weeks. And the restoration
- 9 work is scheduled to be completed prior to October 15th.
- 10 The Briggs waste tire site, the site is about 60
- 11 percent complete. The Board's contractor has removed the
- 12 majority of the tires from the two drainage ditches at the
- 13 site and transported the tires to an approved waste tire
- 14 facility. Mr. Briggs' contractor is scheduled to begin
- 15 the site restoration work on September the 15th.
- 16 The Wilson Beebe tire site, the owner's
- 17 contractor will begin the removal of the tires from the
- 18 three drainage areas to a staging area on the property
- 19 this week. This will take approximately two weeks. At
- 20 that time, the Board's contractor will begin the transport
- 21 of the tires to an approved waste tire facility.
- 22 The Universal Portfolio site, the owners for this
- 23 particular site did not provide the documentation required
- 24 as part of their negotiated cost recovery. So this site
- 25 will not be able to be remediated until next year.

- 1 So unless there's any questions with regards to
- 2 that, Madam Chair, I'm prepared to move into the day's
- 3 agenda.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Mr. Lee, one of the
- 5 questions on the very, very last one that they did not
- 6 provide for -- is it documentation that we needed? Is
- 7 that not available now? Why couldn't we move it now?
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Madam Chair, let me see if
- 9 I can --
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: It hasn't rained yet.
- 11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Ms. Marin, let me see if I
- 12 can ask one of my staff members to provide a little more
- 13 detail on that particular site. Is Bob Fujii in here?
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Just in time.
- 15 SUPERVISOR FUJII: My understanding is when --
- 16 Bob Fujii, Special Waste Division.
- 17 My understanding was when the Board went into
- 18 closed session with Legal, there was some agreements made
- 19 by both parties on what was going to be submitted to
- 20 basically consummate that agreement. It's my
- 21 understanding in talking to Legal the documentation
- 22 required by us of UP has not been submitted to this date.
- 23 So without that documentation, we're unable to consummate
- 24 the agreement that the Board entered into with UP. So it
- 25 will be delayed until those documents are submitted. And

- 1 our window of opportunity to do these sites, as you are
- 2 aware, we had to have the restoration and tire removal
- 3 done before October 15th. And at this late time, it's
- 4 just impossible for us to make that deadline.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: But October 15th, it's a
- 6 deadline imposed by who?
- 7 SUPERVISOR FUJII: Department of Fish and Game.
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: The idea behind that,
- 9 Ms. Marin, is we want to have the work done, the tires
- 10 removed, and the erosion control in place before the rainy
- 11 season starts. Some of the control agencies, the
- 12 responsible agencies, like Fish and Game, Fish and
- 13 Wildlife Service, want to see work in these stream
- 14 channels cease by that date. So it's arbitrary, but there
- 15 is a reason behind it.
- I also believe some of the documentation needs
- 17 were getting bids from their contractors showing they
- 18 basically had -- you know, they would be available to do
- 19 the erosion control work after our contractor completed
- 20 the erosion control. I believe that's one of the issues,
- 21 but perhaps not the only one. Perhaps later in the
- 22 meeting I'm expecting Steve Levine back at the Committee
- 23 meeting, and we can ask him for additional information.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: One of the things -- I
- 25 certainly would like to bring this back to the Board.

- 1 Maybe a closed session at the Board meeting. I want to
- 2 deal with this. Because this is unacceptable that this is
- 3 just -- we cannot be having people promise something, and
- 4 we, in good faith, you know, came to an agreement and one
- 5 party chooses not to fulfill their obligation. I take
- 6 that very seriously. So if it's okay with you --
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Speak of the devil.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: We may have to have it
- 9 in closed session anyways.
- 10 STAFF COUNSEL LEVINE: Good morning. Steve
- 11 Levine.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Welcome.
- 13 STAFF COUNSEL LEVINE: I just ran down the
- 14 stairs. Just give me a second.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Right into the hot seat.
- 16 STAFF COUNSEL LEVINE: Yes. Of the three sites
- 17 that indicated at the Board meeting in Sonoma that they
- 18 had the grading permits received that day or the day
- 19 before, two of those sites are presently under
- 20 remediation. The third site, Universal Portfolio, had
- 21 indicated I believe on the record that they should have
- 22 their contractor lined up for the restoration work after
- 23 the removal of the tires in a day or two. And that was
- 24 not forthcoming. He requested additional time, and we
- 25 provided it. And no contractor information was provided.

- 1 Pursuant to the Board's direction, no offer of
- 2 compromise was made on that site unless and until we
- 3 received the contractor information. So this site will
- 4 now be folded in with the other three sites.
- I still have to catch my breath.
- 6 With the other three sites that were remaining
- 7 for next year in any event -- and so staff greatly
- 8 appreciates the request for direction that was given at
- 9 that meeting, because this was precisely one of the
- 10 scenarios where we felt that kind of direction would be
- 11 very helpful, where, in addition to these sites, if any of
- 12 these other sites, which were all sort of tenuous at that
- 13 point, also needed to go for the second year. So there is
- 14 no offer of compromise on that site because there was no
- 15 contractor information submitted.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: What if they came today
- 17 and said, here's the contractor. Here's the information.
- 18 This is what we want to do now.
- 19 STAFF COUNSEL LEVINE: For this year? One of the
- 20 issues that we sort of alluded to in the item and that
- 21 I'll also make clear here now is that for many of these
- 22 sites that needed simply a grading permit, did not need an
- 23 NPDES permit from the Water Board as we had originally
- 24 anticipated all these sites would need -- that was one of
- 25 the main issues as to why these sites were special.

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1 As I said in the item for the Sonoma meeting, we

- 2 had requested -- we learned in January that they had this
- 3 minimal grading permit requirement. We've requested in
- 4 March coordination with them so that we can use this whole
- 5 summer period to move from one site to another. There are
- 6 only so many disposal facilities in the region that can
- 7 accommodate waste tires.
- 8 So, ideally, with all the time we had since
- 9 January of this year or before -- we don't know exactly
- 10 when they made this determination that all they needed was
- 11 the grading permit -- we wanted to coordinate so you would
- 12 go from one site to the next. We'd ordinarily have a
- 13 progression of the first tires going to the disposal site
- 14 while the next job started. Unfortunately, apart from
- 15 Gerbosi -- and Mr. Silacci has been in regular contact
- 16 with us throughout the winter season.
- 17 The other sites, we did not hear anything until
- 18 this Board elected to go on down to Sonoma and apprise the
- 19 situation themselves. And so we were then hit with all of
- 20 these sites at the end of the summer period. And I'll say
- 21 now, and obviously you'll make your decisions at the end,
- 22 but I want to commend Albert Johnson and Bob Fujii.
- 23 Albert has been out there every day trying to make this
- 24 work. That's what we're doing right now. But we are now
- 25 in the middle of September. And, typically, the rainy

- 1 season starts in mid-October, late October. You know, the
- 2 window is gone.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: For this year.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: I certainly don't
- 5 appreciate the fact that a promise was made and it wasn't
- 6 kept from this particular site. I really, really feel
- 7 that that is unacceptable. And I'd like to bring this to
- 8 closed session and I want them to know. So you please let
- 9 these people know we will be considering this item again.
- 10 And I, personally, take it very seriously that they did
- 11 not live up to their commitment.
- 12 STAFF COUNSEL LEVINE: Two things. One, I have
- 13 no personal knowledge, because it hasn't been related to
- 14 me directly, as to why this contractor issue arose. I
- 15 mean presumably --
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: These people came to the
- 17 Board. I remember very clearly these people coming to the
- 18 Board. And at least in my perception, a promise was made
- 19 that this would be done. And so I don't know that there
- 20 are excuses. I don't know there are reasons. There may
- 21 be excuses, but not real reasons. And I think we need to
- 22 deal with it. I don't appreciate that at all.
- 23 STAFF COUNSEL LEVINE: On a personal basis, I
- 24 want to make one point. When we realized about a month
- 25 before -- we scheduled the August meeting in Sonoma --

- 1 when we scheduled the August meeting -- when you scheduled
- 2 the August meeting to be held in Sonoma, about a month
- 3 before that, after it became clear, I did get the call
- 4 from the RCD and also Mr. Silacci saying how -- and,
- 5 actually, Universal Portfolio. How do we coordinate all
- 6 of this?
- 7 And my main concern, so you understand where our
- 8 perspective was, was they don't have the grading permit
- 9 yet? You told us in January all you need is a grading
- 10 permit. That was my main concern. I was not thinking --
- 11 well, clearly, they've been talking with contractors.
- 12 Clearly, that's the easy part. There are people that want
- 13 to do the work. And so it was great news.
- 14 As you heard, our concerns were expressed to the
- 15 Board at the August meeting. We're concerned about the
- 16 grading permit. The representations were made. They
- 17 turned out to be true, grading permits in place. And also
- 18 the representation they should have the contractor firmed
- 19 up in a day or two. Again, I'm not going to say one way
- 20 or the other as to the reasons for this. I'll leave it
- 21 for him, because I don't have any firsthand knowledge.
- 22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Ms. Marin, if I can add to
- 23 this, too. We'd be pleased to respond to this in closed
- 24 session, but also to point out until the Board took its
- 25 actions in September -- I mean, in August, you know, staff

- 1 was skeptical that we were going to move any other sites
- 2 besides the Gerbosi site. So to complete four of the five
- 3 we think is doing pretty well.
- We, too, are disappointed that Universal
- 5 Portfolio did not come forward, but I would like again to
- 6 point out the progress that has been made on the
- 7 substantial majority of the sites.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: I totally agree. I
- 9 definitely commend the work that has been done with all of
- 10 the four sites and the staff and the people that were
- 11 honorable in their word and kept it. I do have a problem
- 12 with the one that doesn't.
- 13 STAFF COUNSEL LEVINE: And just to elaborate very
- 14 briefly on Mr. Lee's point. Mr. Silacci during the course
- 15 of last winter was also in communication with us, so we
- 16 were hopeful. But Jim is right, we had no definiteness
- 17 with respect to that site. But Mr. Sillaci had been in
- 18 regular contact with us.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Okay
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I think we're all really
- 21 happy we got these four sites cleaned up this year.
- 22 They'd been working on it for ten years when I came to the
- 23 Board. I think that's wonderful. I commend staff on
- 24 that.
- I think we're all disappointed that Universal

- 1 Portfolio didn't follow through, but I don't think there's
- 2 anything we can probably do about it, except when we
- 3 consider cost recovery on this site, we'll consider that.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: I think that's why we
- 5 need a closed session because --
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: We'll consider in a closed
- 7 session. Okay. Everybody ready to move forward?
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank
- 9 you.
- 10 First item for the Committee's consideration is
- 11 Board Item 9, Consideration of Eligiblity Criteria
- 12 Priorities Categories and Evaluation Process for the
- 13 Targeted Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Incentive Grant
- 14 Program, Fiscal Years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.
- 15 In May, the Board approved a revision to the
- 16 Five-Year Tire Plan. The revised plan was characterized
- 17 by a refocusing of staff resources and funding support to
- 18 concentrate in large part on RAC and civil engineering.
- 19 RAC and civil engineering were determined to be the most
- 20 cost effective, legislatively approved, and available
- 21 large scale uses of waste tires.
- 22 This targeted RAC Incentive Grant Program and the
- 23 companion Kuehl Grant Program, which we will discuss in a
- 24 subsequent agenda item later this morning, are integral
- 25 components of the Board approved strategy for increasing

- 1 the use of RAC. The targeted RAC Incentive Program will
- 2 be complimented by Board funded efforts approved earlier
- 3 this year to outreach to local jurisdictions to publicize
- 4 and educate on RAC construction, cost, and public safety
- 5 advantages. Staff remains confident that this grant
- 6 program, the companion Kuehl Bill Grant Program, and civil
- 7 engineering programs, which will be brought to the Board
- 8 later this year, provide the foundation for significantly
- 9 increasing the waste tire diversion and recycling rate in
- 10 the state.
- 11 I'll now ask Nate Gauff to make the remainder of
- 12 the staff presentation.
- 13 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 14 presented as follows.)
- MR. GAUFF: Good morning, Chair Peace and
- 16 Committee members. I'm Nate Gauff with the Special Waste
- 17 Division. I don't need to read the title again.
- 18 --000--
- 19 MR. GAUFF: And Jim stole some of my thunder on
- 20 the first slide. I was going to remind you guys about the
- 21 elements that we're proposing for the new RAC program, of
- 22 which this program is one piece.
- 23 Some of the points that I wanted to make with the
- 24 program is that it is designed to give the new or limited
- 25 users of RAC a refreshed experience or a new experience

- 1 with the material. In addition, we will be giving them
- 2 training on how to use the material, how to construct, and
- 3 those types of things.
- 4 We're not just going to do a project for them.
- 5 We're going to give them some training so they can
- 6 hopefully carry on the program in the future. The grant
- 7 award dollars will actually be used to offset the
- 8 differential cost of the rubberized asphalt and also to
- 9 offset some testing costs that may be incurred in the
- 10 course of the project. And we're proposing that only one
- 11 grant award be given, under this program, per
- 12 jurisdiction. I just want to remind you, as the title
- 13 says, this a two-year -- we're looking for a two-year
- 14 approval on the criteria.
- 15 --000--
- MR. GAUFF: The funding for this program as
- 17 allocated in the Five-Year Plan, roughly \$3.6 million will
- 18 go towards the grant. Out of the 3.827 that's in the
- 19 Five-Year Plan, part of that is going to go to funding the
- 20 expert contracts. So about 3.6 million is going to be
- 21 left over for the grants for 05-06, and about 2.2 million
- 22 will be available in 06-07 for the grant program.
- 23 Staff is proposing that we do include the
- 24 north/south funding split that we have done on a number of
- 25 other grants, mainly because most of the work is in the

- 1 south, or most of the populations in the south. We feel
- 2 quite a few of the new users will be in the south. So we
- 3 at least on an initial basis want to have that split.
- 4 However, we are proposing -- as delineated in the item, we
- 5 are proposing, if we get to our last funding cycle and we
- 6 have available funds, that we set aside the north/south
- 7 split just if it's a situation where it will help us
- 8 disburse the funds to the greatest extent.
- 9 --000--
- 10 MR. GAUFF: The maximum grant awards, and I have
- 11 a calculation on the slide here. Basically, the maximum
- 12 grant award is a multiplication of the minimum tonnage or
- 13 the tonnage of the project times the differential cost.
- 14 Once again, we can and we may and we probably will award
- 15 grants less than the maximum. And we will probably have
- 16 projects that are far significant or far surpassing the
- 17 minimum tonnage. You know, where the differential is much
- 18 lower, a jurisdiction may still seek the maximum grant
- 19 award. But they're going to put more material down, which
- 20 ultimately helps our cost, too.
- The maximum grant awards we're looking at is
- 22 125,000 in the south, 150 in the north, and 175 for rural
- 23 jurisdictions. And that's irregardless of north or south.
- 24 And the definitions for those jurisdictions are laid out
- 25 in the item.

- 1 The reason the amounts are different is that
- 2 typically, like I said, a lot of work is done in Southern
- 3 California. The differential cost is lower in Southern
- 4 California typically than in Northern California. And the
- 5 rural jurisdictions, whether they're north or south, have
- 6 the additional burden, I guess I would say, of being
- 7 remotely located away from a lot of plants and things like
- 8 that. And there's additional transportation costs, so the
- 9 price goes up. So we want to get them in the program,
- 10 too. So we're allowing for them to have a few more
- 11 dollars to try to cover the costs.
- 12 --000--
- 13 MR. GAUFF: The eligibility criteria, we're
- 14 looking at local governments and their subdivisions.
- 15 Basically, that would be other departments within local
- 16 government. However, that local government will only
- 17 receive one grant.
- 18 So, for example, we've had some discussions with
- 19 South Lake Tahoe, and I've talked with a guy that runs
- 20 their airport, and he wants to repave some of their
- 21 airport areas. And I said, "Well, are you part of the
- 22 city?" He said yeah. That's okay. That's a project we
- 23 can do. If it was a private airport or something like
- 24 that, they wouldn't qualify. But being a part of local
- 25 government, being a subdivision, they would qualify.

- 1 We're looking at a minimum project of 3500 tons
- 2 of RAC. That equates to roughly three lane miles of
- 3 material. We felt that would be a representative amount
- 4 that would give the jurisdiction and their staff and their
- 5 folks a significant experience with the material to see
- 6 the benefits. They don't have to put it all on one road.
- 7 They could spread it out over their city however they see
- 8 fit. But we are asking them to at least make an aggregate
- 9 amount of 3500 tons.
- We're also requiring them to use at least 20
- 11 pounds of rubber per ton of rubberized asphalt. That
- 12 number basically came from the Kuehl Bill. That would be
- 13 a minimum amount. Certainly, they could use more rubber
- 14 per ton. And then we also require them to use rubber
- 15 that's derived from 100 percent California waste tires.
- --o0o--
- 17 MR. GAUFF: The priority categories -- and this
- 18 is how we're going to rank the projects as they come in.
- 19 The highest priority project we'd like to fund is a
- 20 project where the jurisdiction has never done a RAC
- 21 project. That would be our highest priority.
- 22 Second highest priority would be a jurisdiction
- 23 that has not had a project in at least ten years. You
- 24 know, that maybe they did a project 10, 12, 15 years ago
- 25 and got away from the material. We want to reintroduce

- 1 them to material.
- 2 And then we go down to lesser levels of priority.
- 3 Once again, kind of looking at the gap in time of the
- 4 farther the gap, the higher the priority. Certainly, with
- 5 the three-year gap in Category 5, we're looking to also
- 6 work with the folks that have just started using the
- 7 material and kind of keep them going, you know, with a
- 8 little boost. But that's why it's the lowest priority.
- 9 If there's a significant number of higher priority
- 10 projects, they will be funded before the lowest priority.
- 11 But we didn't want to forget the folks that are just
- 12 starting out in their programs. We think we can help them
- 13 continue on.
- 14 --000--
- 15 MR. GAUFF: The evaluation process is pretty
- 16 simple. You know, we're looking to receive the
- 17 applications on a quarterly basis. We feel that will help
- 18 us to, one, spread the workload. And also, you know,
- 19 we'll be able to deal with the jurisdictions that are
- 20 ready to go right now and not wait. And also as we get
- 21 the marketing piece up and running, you know, we're going
- 22 to have people come in. We don't want those people to
- 23 wait for six or eight months for a once-a-year deadline.
- 24 So we're going to go on a quarterly basis. We're
- 25 proposing a quarterly basis.

- 1 We're going to use the priority categories to
- 2 rank the applicants, and we're asking that the Board waive
- 3 the general criteria and the general checklist process,
- 4 because these will be local governments that will be
- 5 applying. And we've done that the last cycle -- the last
- 6 two cycles with the Kuehl Bill grants where we've waived
- 7 the general criteria, had the priority categories that
- 8 were different than these, and we also waived the
- 9 checklist requirement. So that's not a new precedent.
- 10 And the last thing is if there are any ties and
- 11 we have funding issues where we have to break a tie, we
- 12 have tie breakers, mainly that whoever has the fewest
- 13 projects will get the priority when there's a tie. And
- 14 then also if they have the same number of projects, we'll
- 15 go to whichever got their application in first. If
- 16 there's still a tie, we're just going to split the
- 17 funding. But we feel we'll be able to break any ties with
- 18 that.
- 19 --00o--
- 20 MR. GAUFF: I think that was it. Are there any
- 21 questions?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Do you want to ask questions
- 23 or hear speakers first?
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: No. The question is for
- 25 staff, my questions are, if that's okay.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Yeah. Go ahead.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: I really, really like
- 3 the way you guys have laid this out. I think it's much,
- 4 much better than what we had before. I like it better
- 5 that it's one grant per jurisdiction versus, you know,
- 6 three grants at 50, the maximum is 150.
- 7 The only question that I have is before it was up
- 8 to three grants for a total of 150; right? That's the way
- 9 it was. Now the maximum is 125. I'm wondering if it
- 10 would be good at least to think about where the lowest
- 11 would be 150 for the southern, and then a little bit more
- 12 for the other ones and a little bit more for the rurals.
- 13 I mean, they will get at least --
- 14 MR. GAUFF: I think that's reasonable. You know,
- 15 the numbers that we came up with, or that I came up with,
- 16 were really based on an informal survey. I heard some low
- 17 differential numbers and some higher ones within the south
- 18 and the north, and certainly the rurals are all over the
- 19 map just because they're at the mercy of the contractors.
- 20 I don't see anything wrong with bumping it up. I think
- 21 what it will do, if anything, it will probably allow us to
- 22 get more material out per project with whatever
- 23 differential there is. We will just -- if they want the
- 24 maximum, they will just go ahead and put down more
- 25 material. So I have no problem with that.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: It's just that, for
- 2 example, in some jurisdictions, they're going to have
- 3 three or four projects. They're not going to have one big
- 4 project. They're going to have three or four. And they
- 5 may need a little bit more than the 125 we had originally.
- 6 MR. GAUFF: So you're proposing an addition
- 7 25,000 for each category?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: 150,000 for the southern
- 9 project, 175 for the north, and 200,000 for the rurals?
- 10 MR. GAUFF: That sounds reasonable.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Any other questions?
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: That does it for me.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Let's go ahead. I have
- 14 several questions. And I will get into those. But let's
- 15 go ahead and hear what the speakers have to say.
- Mr. Leveille.
- 17 MR. LEVEILLE: Madam Chair and Committee members,
- 18 Terry Leveille, TL & Associates.
- I just wanted to make sure that we've got
- 20 provisions within the grant program so that we don't run
- 21 into problems with the technology that we're using. As
- 22 you saw with AB 338, we kept running over and over into
- 23 this problem with the merits of terminal blends versus the
- 24 wet process and the like.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Actually, what I was going to

- 1 suggest -- and I talked to staff about this -- is the
- 2 eligible projects, instead of saying they will use 20
- 3 pounds of crumb rubber or more, that their projects, the
- 4 RAC projects, must be meet ASTM standards. Does that
- 5 make --
- 6 MR. LEVEILLE: That would be my suggestion as
- 7 well. That was a good one. Because the 20 pounds per
- 8 ton, that's sort of --
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: It could be a whole new way
- 10 of doing something. They're using 20 pounds and they
- 11 technically qualify, but it hasn't been an approved
- 12 method. So from what I understand, talking to people from
- 13 the RPA and other people, that if we put in the ASTM
- 14 standards, we'll make sure we get a quality product.
- 15 MR. LEVEILLE: And, likewise, I don't know what
- 16 the statutory requirements on the next grant program or
- 17 the Kuehl Grant Program, but I assume that the Board has
- 18 some internal evaluation processes that can adopt the same
- 19 type of thing.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I don't know if we can change
- 21 the Kuehl Bill. Actually, if you use 20 pounds, more than
- 22 likely you're going to be using an ASTM standard. And
- 23 there's only one more year of that. I don't know if we
- 24 want to change that. But for our grant, for this one and
- 25 in the future, I would like to see that the projects would

- 1 meet ASTM standards.
- 2 MR. GAUFF: And I would say staff concurs that's
- 3 probably the way to go. I think what I did, since I wrote
- 4 this item, when I put it together was to look at what
- 5 Kuehl had done. I looked at the applications we got in.
- 6 Now, within Kuehl, all the applications were asphalt
- 7 rubber. There were no terminal blend projects that I saw.
- 8 But I do agree that if you used ASTM standards,
- 9 you're using the most proven process that has the highest
- 10 likelihood of success, which is what we want for these
- 11 jurisdictions, or to reinforce with the people that have
- 12 limited use. So I'd be willing to make that change if
- 13 that's the pleasure of the Committee.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Yes, it is.
- 15 Let's listen to Larry Sweetser.
- MR. SWEETSER: Good morning, Madam Chair and
- 17 members of the Committee. My name is Larry Sweetser on
- 18 behalf of the Rural Counties Environmental Services Joint
- 19 Powers Authority. We have 22 member rural counties out
- 20 there. You should have received our letter supporting the
- 21 program.
- 22 Actually, we went back through our files and
- 23 realized two years ago we asked you to do exactly what
- 24 you're doing today. So we graciously accept that offer.
- 25 So we do support the rule allocation. We do support the

- 1 issue about giving some preferential treatment for
- 2 transportation. As Chair Marin knows from her tours, it's
- 3 a long way to Modock. So in order to get material out to
- 4 the rural areas, we do need some assistance in there, and
- 5 possibly even some regional grants to put together with
- 6 neighboring counties.
- 7 We do hope even with the allocation -- and it
- 8 wasn't quite clear on the agenda item to me that if there
- 9 is money left over in one of the categories that isn't
- 10 applied for, maybe you would allow yourselves to shift it
- 11 to some other ones where there might be a need to do that.
- 12 Because as I understand it, it's three separate
- 13 applications; north, south, and rural. And somebody could
- 14 qualify in one or more categories. So if there isn't
- 15 enough applications in one category, maybe shifting some
- 16 of those funds after the fact to allow for that.
- 17 We do hope we can meet the minimum criteria for
- 18 the number of tires. We'll have to take a hard look at
- 19 that. We'll be availing ourselves of staff's expertise
- 20 and the contractor to help educate some of our rural
- 21 members on how to do this.
- 22 And the ESJPA is committed to working with the
- 23 rural counties. When Chair Marin has been out there,
- 24 she's preached the messages and it was heard. So
- 25 hopefully we can show Modock and others what the

- 1 government can do to help. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Thank you.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Word travels very fast.
- 4 I just explained to wonderful people of Modock we were
- 5 from the government and we were there to help.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: I figured that was your
- 7 opening line.
- 8 MR. GAUFF: One thing I'd like to clarify based
- 9 on Mr. Sweetser's comments is that the rural
- 10 jurisdictions, no matter if they're in the north part of
- 11 the state or the south part of the state, will be
- 12 considered rural based on the definition in the item of
- 13 the county population being 400,000 or less based on the
- 14 2000 census. So any city or town within that county is
- 15 considered rural. And so, you know, they'll be applying
- 16 for the rural amount.
- 17 And we're actually not separating the funding
- 18 into north, south, and rural. We're separating it into
- 19 north and south initially just to reserve funding. But,
- 20 once again, as it's disbursed and we get to that last
- 21 cycle and there's plenty of funds available, we will set
- 22 aside the north/south split to fund the projects as
- 23 appropriate.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- I just have one question for staff. What type of

- 1 follow-up do you plan on doing as to the performance, the
- 2 long-term performance, of RAC?
- 3 MR. GAUFF: One of the things with all these
- 4 projects, this is probably going to outlast my time here
- 5 at the Board. But we could put a mechanism in place to
- 6 track these projects. Like I said, most of these projects
- 7 are going to be designed for at least a ten-year life
- 8 span. And I'm assuming they're going to all last much
- 9 longer than that.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: But that's exactly my
- 11 point. I just think it's important that we do track, you
- 12 know, the success of these projects so that we can then
- 13 further promote the use of RAC in additional
- 14 jurisdictions. I mean, again, our goal is to use as much
- 15 RAC as we can throughout the state. So, but again, you
- 16 know, a lot of the concerns that I've heard from some
- 17 folks is to the long-term performance of using RAC. So if
- 18 anything that we can do to track the results, to track the
- 19 success I think will be very important, and it will help
- 20 us in our future outreach efforts to jurisdictions to use
- 21 RAC. So I'd appreciate if we could have some type of
- 22 tracking mechanism put in place.
- MR. GAUFF: I think we can look into that.
- One of the things that's part of this program,
- 25 and in addition with our contractor, is that we will be

- 1 performing some engineering testing within the project,
- 2 pre-test to make sure that the location is suitable for
- 3 rubberized asphalt, and then also doing quality assurance,
- 4 quality control testing of the material on the
- 5 construction so that at least initially we have a good
- 6 indication there's going to be a high likelihood of the
- 7 success of the project. A longer term issue is something
- 8 we can develop.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: I think it's important
- 10 that we do that. So I would appreciate it if you could
- 11 work on that. Thank you.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- I wanted to know, I know we're talking about \$5.8
- 14 million. Is there any way that if this gets
- 15 oversubscribed, which I hope it would be, that we can
- 16 actually allocate more money?
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Well, Ms. Marin, we're very
- 18 hopeful that we will be oversubscribed. Like I said, I
- 19 guess our bigger fear is we'll be undersubscribed. This
- 20 is a significant amount of money to be putting out into
- 21 the community.
- 22 As I said, we've got our complementary efforts
- 23 going on with our outreach and public education. But,
- 24 still, we have set ourselves a very high bar to jump over.
- 25 But if we are successful in our endeavors and we are

- 1 oversubscribed, and assuming there's money through one of
- 2 the reallocation processes available, certainly that could
- 3 be reallocated at the Board's -- to meet the Board's
- 4 desires.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: We always have a reallocation
- 6 at the end of the year where we decide what we do with
- 7 that money that's still sitting there. And also there's
- 8 the revision of the Five-Year Plan that will be coming up
- 9 again. We start that again when --
- 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Next September.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Because the last thing
- 12 we want is for people -- here we go. We have even gone
- 13 out there and put money into marketing and doing a lot of
- 14 outreach. And then we have all of these jurisdictions
- 15 say, yeah, we want it. Oh, we don't have enough money.
- 16 You know, that, to me, would be a bigger fear than the
- 17 opposite, you know.
- 18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: I understand, Ms. Marin.
- 19 And I think we're putting -- this year the money the Board
- 20 is spending on targeted RAC and the Kuehl Bill RAC Program
- 21 is four to five times what we spent last year.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: There's your marketing,
- 23 Mr. Jon. I think that it shows our priority, and I think
- 24 that the jurisdictions will welcome the knowledge of if we
- 25 apply for this, chances are we're going to get it. We're

- 1 spending time, and there is not enough money coming.
- 2 Okay. Great. Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I think between this bill and
- 4 the Kuehl Bill --
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: It's close to 7 million;
- 6 right?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: It's going to be hard-pressed
- 8 to get the money out the door. But we hope there's enough
- 9 people applying.
- 10 There is just a couple little tweaks that I
- 11 wanted to mention as I read through this. Under the
- 12 priority categories, the first priority, of course, is no
- 13 RAC projects have been constructed.
- 14 The next one, "No RAC projects have been
- 15 constructed in the applicant's jurisdiction in the last
- 16 ten years," and then you add in "and 25 or fewer RAC
- 17 projects constructed." I'm just wondering if we really
- 18 need that part. To me, if someone hasn't had a RAC
- 19 project in ten years, they need the incentive to try it
- 20 again. And if they haven't had one in ten years, is it
- 21 going to be hard to see if they even have 25, I mean --
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: That's a good point.
- MR. GAUFF: That's a good point. I think
- 24 originally when I was putting this together, I was
- 25 thinking ten years is a long time, but maybe they had

- 1 significant history. But then in talking about it since
- 2 then with some of the folks here and also some of the
- 3 people out in the industry, you know, a lot has changed in
- 4 the last ten years with the technology. And it probably
- 5 would be good just to forget about what they've done in
- 6 the past and get them up to speed to what's happening now.
- 7 So I think that's actually probably a good change. It
- 8 wasn't what I was thinking originally. But after talking
- 9 with folks, I think it's a good way to go.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I wasn't so concerned with
- 11 the Number 3, but with the Number 2, I'd really like to
- 12 strike that last part, the 25 or fewer RAC projects, and
- 13 just leave it if they haven't had one in the last
- 14 ten years.
- 15 MR. GAUFF: We'll take that off and still leave
- 16 it with the secondary priority in that, once again, our
- 17 highest priority are those folks that have never used the
- 18 material.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Exactly.
- 20 Also just one other little thing I wanted to
- 21 bring up, and maybe other people won't agree with me. But
- 22 in the event of tie breakers, the priority ranking
- 23 criteria for the tie breakers where it says, "The
- 24 jurisdiction with the fewest total RAC projects will get
- 25 the highest ranking." To me, it should be the

- 1 jurisdiction with the fewest total RAC projects as a
- 2 percent of their total road miles will get the higher
- 3 ranking. I would think like in L.A. County with 6,000
- 4 road miles and they only have two projects, but then you
- 5 have a little community that maybe only has five roads
- 6 and --
- 7 MR. GAUFF: Well, in the interest of keeping the
- 8 application process fairly simple for these local
- 9 governments, that may be difficult to do because we're
- 10 going to have to ask for a lot more information. It's
- 11 going to be more difficult to calculate, you know, as a
- 12 percentage versus them saying, hey, we did five. We've
- 13 done five RAC projects. That's something they can
- 14 quantify.
- 15 But trying to look back over the number of RAC
- 16 projects per year or, you know, based on the total number
- 17 of miles they did, I think that's going to get a little
- 18 cumbersome from our standpoint. It may significantly
- 19 increase the amount of paper we get back with the
- 20 applications.
- 21 I was just trying to keep it simple. That's why
- 22 I just left it if you've had five RAC projects total and
- 23 somebody else has had three and, you know, the yearly
- 24 issue is the same, then the person with three projects
- 25 would get the grant if there's an issue with funding. You

- $1\,$ know, with the remaining funding, that the person with the
- 2 least number of projects would get the grant.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Well, that leads me to
- 4 ask the question, because some of these jurisdictions were
- 5 doing what I would consider really one project. But
- 6 because the road was very long, they actually had to ask
- 7 for three projects. But it's really, really one public
- 8 works project. So why do we have to have projects? If I
- 9 just go back to the first question of Number 2, you know,
- 10 no RAC projects constructed or 25 or fewer, then the same
- 11 thing is for Number 3 and Number 4 and Number 5. Why
- 12 don't we delete the projects?
- 13 MR. GAUFF: The reason I put the "and" in there
- 14 was that I was thinking about, what if the situation came
- 15 up where a jurisdiction had not done a project in the last
- 16 three years but had 50 RAC projects they've done in their
- 17 history, but for the last three years they didn't have the
- 18 money or whatever, but they have guite a bit of
- 19 experience. So they would still qualify for a grant, but
- 20 they're not really fitting the purpose of this grant
- 21 purpose, which is the new user or the limited experience
- 22 user.
- 23 You know, I mean, for example, Thousand Oaks or
- 24 somebody like that that uses it almost every year. Let's
- 25 say for whatever reason they decide not to pay for three

- 1 years and they come back and say I want a grant and
- 2 they've got 50 projects they've done as far back as five
- 3 to seven years, they really have that experience.
- 4 So what I tried to do with the additional
- 5 stipulation of the project number was to try to capture
- 6 the limited use jurisdiction or the new user. I agree on
- 7 the ten-year thing that we could drop it because it makes
- 8 sense. Because like I said, enough has changed in that
- 9 amount of time that they need to get up to speed with
- 10 what's happening today. Seven years, I might consider it.
- 11 But once again, you could just have a weird
- 12 situation. I don't know everywhere in the state what the
- 13 situations are. But I didn't want the Board to get put in
- 14 a position that, you know, in five years they haven't done
- 15 a project, but the jurisdiction has 75 RAC projects in
- 16 that jurisdiction in the last maybe 10, 12 years. You
- 17 know, that was why I put that stipulation there. If you'd
- 18 like to change that, I'm open to suggestions certainly to
- 19 whatever makes sense.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Right. Well, let's see.
- 21 If I am a public works director and there's been, you
- 22 know, no -- I have had no projects. I love RAC, but I
- 23 haven't had any project in three or five years, and I love
- 24 it, but my county is limited, you're going to penalize me.
- 25 I'm not going to use RAC now because that differential is

- 1 an incentive. And I love the product, but I just didn't
- 2 have the opportunity to use it. Why would you penalize me
- 3 as opposed to somebody that has never used it?
- 4 MR. GAUFF: Right. Once again, I developed this
- 5 criteria based on limited information available.
- I would say this. If it turns out that there are
- 7 a significant number of jurisdictions that fall into those
- 8 issues where maybe they're eliminated, but their history
- 9 is spotty or they may be a good candidate for this
- 10 program, then I suggest we come back to the Board sometime
- 11 later either this year or early next year and say we'd
- 12 like to change the criteria so we can include these folks.
- 13 And then, you know, we'll have a better idea at that
- 14 point.
- 15 Because once again, the information is being --
- 16 databases and information is being gathered daily. The
- 17 Tech Center has been working on it for a while. We can go
- 18 to Caltrans, they have 30 years of program, and they still
- 19 don't have all their information together. So I think we
- 20 can cover those situations if we come back -- if we
- 21 uncover them and come back at some future date and say
- 22 we'd like to change the criteria at that point.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: I didn't mean to detract
- 24 from your question. But I really think that we need to
- 25 re-think about all of this.

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I think this is a new
- 2 program, and I think we need to see what comes in and
- 3 analyze what comes in. This is going to be quarterly. So
- 4 you could come back, even if it's in two quarters you say
- 5 this really isn't working, we need to change it, you can
- 6 come back to change it.
- 7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Is it the pleasure again to
- 8 drop the project designation from the --
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Just number two. Just when
- 10 they haven't had one in ten years.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: My preference would be
- 12 to drop it all on all five of them. I mean 3, 4, and 5
- 13 and see what happens, you know. It may not. If they
- 14 really need it, then that's when we change it.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Since we're trying -- the
- 16 main reason of this grant program at this time is to get
- 17 new people --
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Right.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: -- into the program. I think
- 20 the way he has it structured is probably a good way to
- 21 start. And then if it doesn't work out, then we can come
- 22 back and ask us to change it. I think let's go ahead and
- 23 start with the way they have it.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: But even seven years.
- 25 They haven't had something in seven years, you're going

- 1 to -- I mean, what's the difference between seven and ten?
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Still, the people that
- 3 haven't had any are going to get priority.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Right.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: That's what we want.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: But they haven't had any
- 7 in ten and seven -- maybe five and three. You see what
- 8 I'm saying?
- 9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: I can assure the Committee
- 10 and the Board, if we have our first quarterly solicitation
- 11 and second quarterly solicitation and we don't see
- 12 significant movement of the money, you know, we will be
- 13 coming back to the Board to modify it. So we're going to
- 14 be continuing -- this is going to be an ongoing evaluation
- 15 of how successful the program is, how it's being received,
- 16 and if it's accomplishing the Board's objective.
- 17 I think what Nate has outlined is our best
- 18 attempt to try to be prudent, to try and, again, literally
- 19 target the people that haven't had a RAC project, try to
- 20 give them the biggest break. Like I said, but we are
- 21 certainly open to modification of it again if we aren't
- 22 achieving the desired objectives. But I think we would
- 23 support Committee Chair Peace's proposal to make the
- 24 change in the second priority and see how things go, and
- 25 then revise the rest if necessary at a later time.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Do we have a clear
- 2 definition of a project for those versus -- you see, what
- 3 lead me to this originally was three projects versus one
- 4 project.
- 5 MR. GAUFF: Even though it's not in the item.
- 6 Typically what we consider a project for the purposes of
- 7 these types of grant programs, for the Rubberized Asphalt
- 8 Grant Program, would be any separately bid construction
- 9 work. So, for example, some of the smaller cities will
- 10 bid out all of their street work in one bid. That would
- 11 be one project. Some cities do street by street. Or
- 12 county agencies, they may do street by street. Typically
- 13 because they're larger projects, each one of those would
- 14 be a project, each one of those bids for the individual
- 15 streets. So basically what we say is it's a separately
- 16 bid contract or contract for work.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: I will caution you that
- 18 you -- well, hopefully, you won't have any problems. But
- 19 I could see where that can become somewhat convoluted.
- 20 MR. GAUFF: If it becomes an issue, we will
- 21 certainly come back as soon as possible to rectify it.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: I'd like to point out to
- 23 the Committee one other overarching issue which is
- 24 probably intuitively obvious. What the Board is proposing
- 25 to do is make up the differential between conventional

- 1 paving project and a RAC project. But the jurisdiction
- 2 still has to want to do a paving project. So to that
- 3 extent, we're dependant on the economy and market
- 4 conditions, local jurisdiction budgets.
- 5 So, again, it's not, you know -- the whole thing,
- 6 you know, moving these RAC projects isn't just the
- 7 differential -- picking up the differential in costs. So
- 8 we're hopefull with the passage of the National Highway
- 9 Bill that might stipulate the situation. But I just want
- 10 the Committee to recognize that that is a consideration
- 11 here.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Do we have any idea what kind
- 13 of impact this is going to have on the Kuehl Bill, the
- 14 application for the Kuehl Bill, since this is a bigger
- 15 amount of money they can apply for?
- MR. GAUFF: No. I don't think it's going to be a
- 17 whole lot of impact, because typically the Kuehl Bill is
- 18 the jurisdictions that are using the material on a regular
- 19 basis. And certainly if they've gotten a Kuehl Grant in
- 20 the last two years, they wouldn't qualify for this program
- 21 necessarily.
- Now, once again if it becomes an issue, that may
- 23 be something we want to look at as far as changing, maybe
- 24 even within the next three to six months.
- But, certainly, I think the way we're looking at

- 1 it now is that it shouldn't be an impact on the Kuehl
- 2 because the Kuehl Bill is for those jurisdictions -- it
- 3 hasn't attracted -- at least as far as we can tell, it
- 4 hasn't attracted any first-time users.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Any other questions?
- 6 Let's just clarify what changes we're going to
- 7 make. One in the eligible projects, that the eligible RAC
- 8 projects will be ASTM standards and also, of course, use
- 9 100 percent California waste tires.
- 10 Under priority categories and evaluation process
- 11 Number 2, no RAC projects constructed in the applicant's
- 12 jurisdiction in the last ten years, period. We'll strike
- 13 25 or fewer RAC projects. Strike that part.
- 14 And we get to the category the rural, northern,
- 15 southern, we're going to increase all those by 25,000.
- Now will you be sending out a revised item prior
- 17 to the Board meeting?
- 18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Yes, we will, Madam Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Okay. And do I hear a
- 20 motion?
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: I move -- hold on one
- 22 second -- the 2005-264.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: I'll second that.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: With the changes as directed.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: With the changes as

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- 1 proposed.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Second.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I have a motion from Marin
- 4 and a second by Ms. Mulé.
- 5 Call the roll, please.
- 6 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT HUNT: Marin?
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Aye.
- 8 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT HUNT: Mulé?
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Aye.
- 10 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT HUNT: Chair Peace?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Aye.
- 12 And if there are no objections, we'll put this on
- 13 consent.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Fiscal.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Well, we're not dealing with
- 16 money. This is the criteria, so this can technically go
- 17 on consent. We're not allocating the money. So we will
- 18 get a revised item, but go ahead and put this on consent.
- 19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 20 Board Item 10, Committee Item C, is Consideration
- 21 of the Eligibility Criteria Priority Categories and
- 22 Evaluation Process for Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant
- 23 Program, Fiscal Years, 2005-06, Tire Recycling Management
- 24 Fund.
- Nate Gauff will make the staff presentation.

- 1 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- presented as follows.)
- 3 MR. GAUFF: Once again, this is the third cycle
- 4 of the Kuehl Bill Program. This is a separate criteria
- 5 but very similar to the first criteria that was passed
- 6 three cycles ago.
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- 8 MR. GAUFF: Once again, just in the general
- 9 scheme of things, with the Rubberized Asphalt Program,
- 10 that this would fall under the bottom item, which is your
- 11 RAC Rewards Grant Program by another name. But it is the
- 12 Kuehl Bill. It is in a sense a reward for using the
- 13 material.
- 14 --000--
- MR. GAUFF: The funding for this program is
- 16 \$1.663 million according to the Five-Year Plan. In this
- 17 program we are proposing to not use the north/south
- 18 funding split. And we are also proposing that there be a
- 19 10 percent rural jurisdiction reserve, which is very
- 20 similar to what we've done in the first two cycles.
- 21 The grant award as laid out by the legislation is
- 22 \$6,250 at minimum, and that would be for a project that
- 23 uses a project at the minimum of 2500 tons of RAC and
- 24 50,000 maximum. That would be based on a project that
- 25 uses 20,000 tons or more. We are proposing that there be

- 1 a \$150,000 per jurisdiction limit that, once again, would
- 2 be waived if there are available funds to be disbursed.
- 3 --000--
- 4 MR. GAUFF: Eligibility criteria is very similar
- 5 to the last item, that it be local governments and their
- 6 subdivisions. Once again, the legislation calls for a
- 7 minimum of 2500 tons of RAC per project and that the
- 8 projects use at least 20 pounds of rubber per ton of RAC.
- 9 And the Waste Board has added the requirement that they
- 10 use 100 percent California waste tire rubber.
- 11 --00o--
- 12 MR. GAUFF: Simplify the priority categories.
- 13 One would be the highest priority project, or highest
- 14 ranking project would be the project that uses the highest
- 15 amount of RAC, highest tonnage of RAC.
- 16 Second would be the project that would be
- 17 proposing to use the greatest amount of rubber per ton of
- 18 material, as that is a variable amount.
- 19 And the third would be which project is -- how
- 20 ready the project is to construct. The projects that have
- 21 been bid that are ready to go. As long as they don't
- 22 start construction before the application deadline, they
- 23 would receive -- the one closest to the application
- 24 deadline date would receive the highest priority. That's
- 25 how we've done it in the past, and it's worked out pretty

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- 1 well.
- 2 --000--
- 3 MR. GAUFF: The evaluation process, typically
- 4 what happens is we have the completeness reviewed by the
- 5 Grants Administration Unit. We once again look at the
- 6 priority categories and we rank them accordingly. We also
- 7 are, once again, asking that the Board waive the general
- 8 grant criteria and the general checklist and instead use
- 9 the priority ranking categories.
- 10 And the tie breakers on this one are a little
- 11 simpler than in the last one in that we use basically one
- 12 set of tie breakers, and that's based on the contract
- 13 status, the contract for the project. If it's been bid
- 14 and it's ready to go, then that has the highest priority.
- 15 The second highest priority in the process is in the
- 16 bidding process. Maybe the bid is out. And the third or
- 17 lowest tie breaker would be a project that's still in the
- 18 planning phases that has not been out to bid at all.
- 19 --00o--
- MR. GAUFF: Are there any questions?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I don't think we have any
- 22 questions. The only thing I know, I'd asked before about
- 23 signage. I don't know about for this program, but for the
- 24 previous one if we could put up some sort of a sign.
- 25 Because I know when I was in Arizona, I saw a sign on the

- 1 road that says, you know, "The next three miles
- 2 constructed with 250,000 waste tires." And you said that
- 3 might be a problem trying to get signs along our roads.
- 4 And I was just wondering if you could maybe look into that
- 5 more. Even if there's a sign -- when a new road's going
- 6 in, sometimes there's a sign that says, "This road is
- 7 being built with your tax dollars." If we could look into
- 8 if there's anything, even if it's only during the
- 9 construction or only if it has to be up a couple months,
- 10 maybe not forever. But just to let people know what
- 11 they're driving on. Just to kind of get in the public's
- 12 mind that, oh, yeah. This road is smoother, because it's
- 13 using rubberized asphalt concrete. I just think getting
- 14 the word out is a good thing. If you can maybe do some
- 15 more checking as to if we can do that, how we can do that.
- MR. GAUFF: We can survey the local governments.
- 17 That issue did come up when we went through the criteria
- 18 the first time. And some of the issues at that time were
- 19 that, one, the additional costs of putting up a sign.
- 20 Two was the whole issue of where do you place the
- 21 sign, you know. And some of the roadways, especially if
- 22 it's through a business district or something like that,
- 23 people tend to miss it. And the local jurisdictions felt
- 24 it was somewhat of a waste of money.
- 25 The third thing was on the construction, they can

- 1 do it, because in construction you're sitting in traffic
- 2 while they're constructing. But that might be something
- 3 they could do on a temporary sign basis or something like
- 4 that. But we lose the value in the longer term of not
- 5 having reenforcement that it's rubberized asphalt. But we
- 6 can certainly look into that issue again.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Maybe a little more, because
- 8 I know I saw those signs in Arizona, and it was kind of
- 9 wow, okay. And I'm going to be driving on tires. And
- 10 right away you notice how much smoother and quieter. So
- 11 if you can just look into that a little bit more.
- Okay. Do we have a motion?
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Move approval of
- 14 Resolution 2005-265.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Second.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: We have a motion by Ms. Marin
- 17 and a second by Ms. Mulé. And we'll substitute the
- 18 previous roll, if there are no objections. And we'll also
- 19 place this on -- this is just criteria also right. We'll
- 20 place this on consent, if there are no objections.
- 21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 22 Board Item 11, Committee Item D, is Consideration
- 23 of Applicant Eligibility and Evaluation Process for the
- 24 Tire-Derived Product Grant Program, Fiscal Year 2005-2006,
- 25 Tire Recycling Management Fund.

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1 As discussed in the Board-approved revision to

- 2 the Five-Year Tire Plan, this program is the replacement
- 3 for the Waste Tire Playground Cover and Waste Track and
- 4 Other Recreational Surfacing Grant Programs. While these
- 5 uses are still potentially fundable under this grant
- 6 program, many other products made from waste tires are
- 7 potentially eligible.
- 8 This grant program is designed to cost
- 9 effectively support and encourage the purchase of a wide
- 10 range of these products by end users and, thus, support
- 11 and stabilize the markets for these materials, and thereby
- 12 contribute to an increase in the waste tire diversion and
- 13 recycling rate. This program has many other unique
- 14 aspects, which I'll ask Michelle Martin to share with you
- 15 as she completes the remainder of the staff presentation.
- 16 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 17 presented as follows.)
- 18 MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Jim. Good morning, Madam
- 19 Chair, Committee members. My name is Michelle Martin.
- 20 I'm with the Product Promotion Assistance Section. This
- 21 presentation is for Agenda Item 11, Consideration of
- 22 Applicant Eligibility, Project Eligibility, and Evaluation
- 23 Process for the Tire-Derived, TDP, Grant Program for
- 24 Fiscal Year 2005-2006.
- 25 The purpose of this grant program is to promote

- 1 markets for recycled content products derived from waste
- 2 tires generated in California and to decrease the adverse
- 3 environmental impacts created by unlawful disposal and
- 4 stockpiling of waste tires. This new grant program
- 5 replaces the Playground Cover and Track and Other
- 6 Recreational Surfacing Grant Programs. In addition, it
- 7 provides grants for other rubberized products, such as
- 8 sidewalks, top hats, which are used in the transportation
- 9 field, landscape covers, weed abatement, tree covers, and
- 10 mulch.
- 11 The administration of this new grant program will
- 12 be very streamlined, objective, and simple to implement.
- 13 This grant program is included in the Board-approved
- 14 document Five-Year Plan for the Waste Tire Recycling
- 15 Management Program.
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- 17 MS. MARTIN: The Five-Year Plan allocates
- 18 \$1,792,818 for fiscal year 2005-2006 TDP Grant Program.
- 19 Staff proposes that the funding level for the Tire-Derived
- 20 Product Grant Program not to exceed \$100,000 per awarded
- 21 grant. And with this grant program there is no match
- 22 requirement.
- 23 Applicant eligibility. Eligible applicants are
- 24 public entities which is what was in the past. Only one
- 25 application per qualifying public entity will be accepted,

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1 and an application may include multiple product or project

- 2 sites.
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- 4 MS. MARTIN: Tire-derived products are final or
- 5 finished products ready for sale to the public that are
- 6 made from recycled 100 percent California waste tires. A
- 7 minimum of 2500 tires must be diverted per application.
- 8 Projects cannot include roughings in the calculation and
- 9 can only include material costs. In the past, we've
- 10 allowed installation costs and administrative costs. And
- 11 cannot include equipment costs.
- 12 Grant award amounts will be determined based on
- 13 the number of tires diverted by the applicant. Applicants
- 14 will be awarded the actual cost per recycled 100 percent
- 15 California waste tire, up to a maximum of \$10 per tire, up
- 16 to the maximum available award of 100,000 per applicant.
- 17 And the calculation is the number of tires diverted, times
- 18 cost per passenger tire equivalent, equals the grant
- 19 amount. And there is an example provided. For example, a
- 20 minimum of 2500 waste tires diverted times \$10 equals a
- 21 grant amount which is a minimum of \$25,000.
- 22 --000--
- MS. MARTIN: The evaluation: Staff will review
- 24 the grant applications and determine whether the applicant
- 25 and project are eligible. Grant funds will be recommended

- 1 for award to applicants based on the calculations they
- 2 have provided on the application cover sheet.
- 3 Two, a publicly-noticed random selection process
- 4 will be conducted. And if more grant funds are requested
- 5 than available, we will hold a random selection process.
- 6 The process will be publicly noted, and the public will be
- 7 invited to attend.
- 8 Three, applicants will be given grant numbers in
- 9 the order which they are received by the Board. Grant
- 10 numbers will be used to represent the applicant during the
- 11 random selection process. Random selection numbers will
- 12 be drawn for each applicant and will determine funding
- 13 order.
- 14 Four, a list will be developed and sorted in
- 15 funding order.
- And then last, two lists will be established; one
- 17 for north and one for south for the north/south split
- 18 still in descending order. If the north has funds left,
- 19 the south will exhaust them and vice versa.
- 20 --000--
- 21 MS. MARTIN: And the next slide kind of gives an
- 22 example about the random selection process. So for
- 23 example, in Table 1, let's say San Diego's application was
- 24 received first. So they will be given the grant number of
- 25 1. And Los Angeles was received second. And then during

- 1 the random selection process, San Diego goes first to
- 2 draw, and they just so happen to get number four. So
- 3 they'll be fourth funded for the south, because it will be
- 4 north/south split. And it just so happens Los Angeles
- 5 receives one for their random selection number and so on.
- 6 And in Table 2, we have the split between north
- 7 and south. And those are the orders of the descending
- 8 orders of the numbers, the random selection numbers. I
- 9 hope that makes sense.
- 10 Funds will be disbursed as follows. North is 39
- 11 percent based on Department of Finance. It will receive
- 12 \$699,199. And the south is 61 percent. They'll receive
- 13 \$1,093,618. And who's done this type of process in the
- 14 past is the Fair Political Practices Commission, and it's
- 15 worked really well for them.
- 16 If remaining funds are available, like I said
- 17 before, in either north and south, they will fund the next
- 18 application in descending order until funds are exhausted.
- 19 We're really excited about this new grant
- 20 program. The application will be reduced from before,
- 21 previously 18 pages now down to six, which is incredible.
- 22 We've also discussed this grant program in the waste tire
- 23 interested parties meeting and have received positive
- 24 feedback from stakeholders, potential applicants, and also
- 25 staff.

- 1 The turn-around time for this grant program is
- 2 very fast. We were hoping to get money out to applicants
- 3 and grantees by the first of the year. And in the past,
- 4 it's taken a couple months for scoring and that type of
- 5 process, going before the Board. So we're hoping to get
- 6 this out very quickly.
- 7 Notice of Funds Available, upon approval by the
- 8 Board, staff will notify approximately 5,000 potential
- 9 applicants and post the NOFA also on the tire website.
- 10 So at this time, this concludes my presentation.
- 11 Thank you. And I can answer any questions.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Okay. Thank you, Michelle.
- 13 I just have a little tweaking thing again here
- 14 where it says eligible applicants, very last line, it says
- 15 the "application may include multiple project sites." I
- 16 was wondering if we could change that, "application may
- 17 include multiple tire-derived products projects." That
- 18 way instead of saying sites, that way if a park wanted to
- 19 put in a rubber sidewalk, but they also wanted to put in
- 20 some rubber bumpers around their dock and put a rubber mat
- 21 on the dock, all those can be in one application at one
- 22 site and still qualify.
- MS. MARTIN: Sure. We'll make that change.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: That's fine.
- On this random selection process, help me

understand something. Is there going to be a deadline for

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- 2 all of these grant proposals to come, or is it going to be
- 3 every quarter or --
- 4 MS. MARTIN: No. There is a deadline of November
- 5 10th that we are to receive all applications.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: So then the question is,
- 7 within your random selection if you received one proposal
- 8 in October versus one on November 15th or whenever the
- 9 deadline is for your random selection process, that date
- 10 is important as to when you receive the grant application;
- 11 right?

- MS. MARTIN: When we receive the grant
- 13 application, they will be given their grant number, which
- 14 really has nothing to do with how they're going to be
- 15 funded. What will happen is we'll have the random
- 16 selection process after November 15th before the December
- 17 Board meeting. So it will be a public process, and then
- 18 they'll be receiving their random selection numbers at one
- 19 date.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Why do we need that? I
- 21 don't understand the need for that.
- 22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Just so they -- the order
- 23 that the application's received just affects the order in
- 24 which their number is drawn from in the random selection
- 25 process. So it makes no difference what time your

- 1 application is received, early in the process or late in
- 2 the process. Because, again, it's literally a random
- 3 selection process. It's a lottery by other names. It
- 4 would only come into effect if we're oversubscribed. If
- 5 we're undersubscribed, then basically everybody will
- 6 receive funding.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: So if we received 100
- 8 applications, and there is money for all of them, no
- 9 problem. We receive 100 applications and only 50 will
- 10 be -- we only have money for about 50 or so, the fact that
- 11 your application came in first or second or third doesn't
- 12 matter?
- MS. MARTIN: Doesn't matter.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: All the 100 -- all the
- 15 100 will be randomly selected?
- MS. MARTIN: Correct. And then go back to the
- 17 Board for reallocation, if that needs to happen.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: All right. But we're
- 19 not going to be granting them at the time that we're
- 20 receiving the applications?
- MS. MARTIN: No.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: That's where I was
- 23 confused.
- MS. MARTIN: Okay. I'm sorry.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Any other questions?

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- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Well, first of all a
- 2 comment. I want to commend staff on a job well done. I
- 3 was really impressed with the thought and the effort that
- 4 went into, number one, streamlining the application
- 5 process. I was very impressed to see the application go
- 6 from 18 pages to five. It's just more efficient for all
- 7 of us.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: She said six. Five
- 9 would be better.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Oh, I thought it was
- 11 five. Six is still acceptable.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Much better than 18.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: I have five in my notes.
- 14 I'll change it.
- 15 Also, I'm very, very pleased to see that we are
- 16 expanding the product line to include transportation type
- 17 items and agricultural and landscape type items. Again,
- 18 this just broadens the opportunity for further market
- 19 development and use of these projects or products. So I'm
- 20 really pleased to see you're doing that.
- 21 I did have some questions about the lottery
- 22 system, but I think you've explained it. I think let's
- 23 give it a try and see how it goes. And we'll go from
- 24 there.
- So, again, no questions. Just want to commend

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- 1 staff on a job well done.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: We have one speaker that
- 3 wanted to speak on this item, Mr. Blumenthal from the RMA.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: As he's coming, is this
- 5 a one-year deal or is it two-year?
- 6 MS. MARTIN: It's one year.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: It's a one year. One of
- 8 the things we were hoping to do, at least from the
- 9 jurisdictions, some of the feedback we had was they wanted
- 10 to do one application for a two-year period. And I don't
- 11 know whether we can think about that at this late in time.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Ms. Marin, we are
- 13 considering that for selective grant programs. This was
- 14 the first time out of the gate for this, so we wanted to
- 15 see how it went. And we certainly would be open to some
- 16 suggestion like that for future grant cycles.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: You understand it would
- 18 be a lot easier for jurisdictions to submit grant
- 19 proposals once every two years versus every year, every
- 20 year. So think about that for the next grant. Sorry.
- 21 MR. BLUMENTHAL: Good morning. My name is
- 22 Michael Blumenthal. I'm with the Rubber Manufacturers
- 23 Association. I have a couple comments.
- I'd like to share some -- I think some of the
- 25 good aspects is that it is a less cumbersome piece of

- 1 paperwork and does tighten up the regs on how the money
- 2 can be spent. It's now more on product as opposed to
- 3 administration, which you'll get much more bang for the
- 4 buck.
- 5 But I want to repeat some of the concerns that we
- 6 have talked about in the past, in that if you make money
- 7 available, people will go after it. And they'll buy
- 8 products with money that they have. If the money is not
- 9 available, they probably will not go after the grants
- 10 because the money is not available. They'll continue
- 11 doing what they have.
- 12 The point we've been trying to make in the past
- 13 is that if you're going to give out the money, and that
- 14 certainly is your prerogative, at least get something back
- 15 for it. We talked about it in the past, when you're
- 16 dealing with playgrounds, get a report on the reduced
- 17 number of injuries or how it worked or how it went so you
- 18 have an information base.
- The thing we're working on in the business
- 20 development aspect is information. The whole aspect, if
- 21 you teach someone how to fish, they can feed themselves.
- 22 You keep on handing the fish out, they're going to be
- 23 dependant upon you for that fish. You simply have to
- 24 highlight the benefits of these materials. If you just
- 25 give out grants, they're going to buy them. If you give

- 1 out grants for recycled plastic, they'll buy recycled
- 2 plastic. There's no real repeat business here.
- 3 And we've seen that in the past on the playground
- 4 and running track grants. From what I've been told, no
- 5 one has had a repeat sale from anybody who got a grant for
- 6 rubber playgrounds or rubberized track. So you're giving
- 7 money out, that's fine. It's a shot in the arm to the
- 8 industry. But if the grants go away, those sales go away.
- 9 And you have nothing in your hand for this. You need some
- 10 report. We talked about this before. It seemed like a
- 11 good idea at the time. There's been no follow up on that.
- 12 Education on the benefits of using these
- 13 materials is the best sales tool that you have. You have
- 14 an opportunity to create that sales tool through these
- 15 grant programs, through testimonials, through installation
- 16 histories, anything. The more information that you can
- 17 provide about this material, the less mystique it has, the
- 18 less misperceptions that are out there, the less
- 19 half-truths that are out there. Certainly, more
- 20 information in the marketplace makes this a more
- 21 competitive product. And I think this is the opportunity
- 22 that you have.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Michael, do you have --
- 24 does RMA have any information on that, or can you share
- 25 with us what other states are doing in that realm?

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- 1 MR. BLUMENTHAL: This is not the only time I've
- 2 said this. The answer is no. Other states have not acted
- 3 upon this either. We have the same comment for every
- 4 state that hands out money for rubberized products: Get
- 5 something back for it.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: It was like what I was
- 7 mentioning in the earlier items. We want some performance
- 8 data.
- 9 MR. BLUMENTHAL: I had made myself a note on will
- 10 there be any follow-up. Since you asked the question, I
- 11 didn't have to.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: It's the same thing.
- 13 MR. BLUMENTHAL: It's the same concept. But the
- 14 answer is no other state has done it either. And we have
- 15 some testimonials from some of the vendors who have sold
- 16 this material. But once again, that's through a vendor.
- 17 That's through someone trying to sell a product to make a
- 18 profit. If it comes from a State agency, it has a lot
- 19 more weight. If you have the grants, you have an
- 20 opportunity to get information from the recipients. I
- 21 think that's only fair.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: So you want us to do
- 23 your job?
- 24 MR. BLUMENTHAL: Your objective here, as stated,
- 25 is to increase the market for the higher value added

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- 1 products. Simply giving out grants is not a long-term
- 2 sustainable approach. Getting information into the
- 3 marketplace so people will buy this on their own is the
- 4 goal. That suits your ends and mine as well.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: So why wouldn't we join
- 6 hands? You know, it seems to me that it's as good for you
- 7 as it would be for us.
- 8 MR. BLUMENTHAL: I'm not arguing the point. That
- 9 is the point. If you want to talk about how we can work
- 10 together, I'm here all day today.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Because it seems to me
- 12 that, you know, it would be in your best interest to have
- 13 this from every single organization or entity that does
- 14 it. But it's like, yeah, how do we do that? And by you
- 15 benefiting from this as well -- you're meaning all of the
- 16 people you represent, why wouldn't we join efforts?
- 17 MR. BLUMENTHAL: There's no reason not to. And
- 18 I'm happy to talk to you about it after this session.
- 19 Thank you.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Okay.
- 21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Ms. Marin and Chair Peace,
- 22 if I may, just a couple of comments on Mr. Blumenthal's
- 23 remarks.
- I think we work very closely with Mr.
- 25 Blumenthal's organization with a number of things. And

- 1 many of his points he made today are something that we've
- 2 given strong consideration to and have taken into
- 3 consideration and included as really part of this item.
- 4 For example, as I mentioned in my opening remarks on some
- 5 of the earlier agenda items, RAC and civil engineering are
- 6 really our big focus. During the development of the
- 7 Five-Year Plan, it was pointed out we need to have a
- 8 diverse market, not to overlook any opportunities. And so
- 9 we continue to explore the possibilities, you know, that
- 10 this program provides.
- 11 Secondly, as noted earlier, you know, we're
- 12 expanding the number of potential products again with an
- 13 idea of trying to boost and encourage the market. Last
- 14 year, again, we, pursuant to support from Committee Chair
- 15 Peace, the idea of setting the cap on the amount of tires,
- 16 on the cost grant support per tire used in the product, we
- 17 had a cap of \$15. We would like the Committee to note
- 18 that this year we're talking about a maximum award of \$10
- 19 per tire used the product.
- We continue to look and encourage cost
- 21 effectiveness in the use of these programs. For the first
- 22 time this year, with this particular grant program, we've
- 23 got an evaluation component, and it will be a requirement
- 24 that these grant applicants submit a report on a yearly
- 25 basis for five years to make sure the product is being

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- 1 used appropriately and is being evaluated on an ongoing
- 2 basis.
- 3 And, again, as I mentioned earlier in a remark to
- 4 Ms. Marin, again, this is only a one-year program. We
- 5 want to kind of see how it goes, and we'll consider
- 6 further changes at a later time. But I think I also want
- 7 to ask Michelle if there's any additional things she
- 8 wanted to bring to the Committee's attention.
- 9 MS. MARTIN: I think you covered it, Jim. We're
- 10 really excited about this grant program, and we look
- 11 forward to seeing how the process works and goes.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Just one more question.
- 13 An eligible applicant must certify compliance with the
- 14 principles of environmental justice. We're asking that in
- 15 this particular grant but not of any other grant, or is
- 16 this something we're asking for just for this one? Is
- 17 there a reason why it's there?
- 18 MS. MARTIN: As far as I know, it's for all
- 19 grants, is environmental justice. That's how it's been in
- 20 our grant program forever.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I asked that question, too.
- 22 Because I can see where it would be in there for a
- 23 landfill or something. But on these, it makes a good
- 24 thing.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Is that true for all the

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- 1 other ones? I cannot seem to find the other ones either.
- 2 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: Elliot Block with the Legal
- 3 Office.
- 4 Yes. That is some standard language we've had in
- 5 the grant. It actually appears in the grant, in the NOFA,
- 6 and in the contracts themselves as opposed to the
- 7 criteria. That's the way we -- probably a couple years
- 8 ago when the Board decided they wanted to add that to our
- 9 processes.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Why is it not on the
- 11 other grants we have?
- 12 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: It's on the other grants.
- 13 It may not appear in an agenda item separately identified,
- 14 but it is in all the grants. Just maybe the way the
- 15 agenda item was written. That's all.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: So it's included in the
- 17 NOFAs and in the contracts?
- 18 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: Correct. Certainly in the
- 19 contracts. The NOFAs, without having read every one of
- 20 them, but certainly.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Did you say the Board had
- 22 required this a couple years ago?
- 23 MS. MARTIN: It's a certification in the
- 24 application.
- 25 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: As part of the application

- 1 which they're submitting and pursuant to the NOFA, they
- 2 are signing and certifying they're meeting those
- 3 requirements.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: That's for every single
- 5 grant that we give?
- 6 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: Yes.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Is that a
- 8 Board-approved --
- 9 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: That was at the direction
- 10 of the Board two to three years ago. Very specifically,
- 11 the Board wanted us to include that. May have even been a
- 12 few years before that.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I guess with this grant
- 14 program what we're hoping is that the money's an incentive
- 15 to get parks or whatever, local governments, grantees to
- 16 try the products. What we hope is that they'll see that
- 17 these are good and they last longer than what we're using
- 18 before and they would continue to buy them.
- 19 But Michael Blumenthal's point is well taken.
- 20 And I thought we had talked about that before, talked
- 21 about, you know, requiring the grantees to somehow report
- 22 back to us, or we contact them like one year after the
- 23 grant, three years, five years, and ask them how are those
- 24 things holding up? Are you happy with them?
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: They just told us they

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- 1 are.
- 2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: That's being done, Madam
- 3 Chair. For the first time this year, we have an
- 4 evaluation process requiring the applicants -- successful
- 5 applicants to report back to us on a yearly basis.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I thought we had talked about
- 7 that before.
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Okay. Great.
- 10 Are there any other questions?
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Move approval of
- 12 Resolution 2005-266.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Second.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: We have a motion by Ms. Marin
- 15 and a second by Ms. Mulé.
- 16 Call the roll.
- 17 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT HUNT: Marin?
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: Aye.
- 19 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT HUNT: Mulé?
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Aye.
- 21 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT HUNT: Chair Peace?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Aye.
- 23 And if there are no objections, we'll also put
- 24 this one on consent.
- Is there anything else anybody would like to add?

1 Any comments? COMMITTEE MEMBER MARIN: I do. I Chaired a meeting yesterday until 4:00. With all due respect, I think we need to be here until 4:00. CHAIRPERSON PEACE: If you would like to stay here until 4:00, you're welcome to. This meeting is adjourned. (Thereupon the California Integrated Waste Management Board, Special Waste Committee adjourned at 10:57 a.m.)

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